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Maintenance of the Wonders of the World
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the seven wonders of the world;

(b) the mechanism for maintenance of the wonders out of the above located in India;

(c) the policy formulated for their conservation;

(d) the head-wise details of the expenditure incurred on conservation of the said wonders;

(e) whether the Government is taking any concrete steps to promote tourism at the said places; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) The names of new seven wonders of the world as available on Google website and Wikipedia are as follows:-

(1) Taj Mahal, Agra, Uttar Pradesh, India
(2) Great Wall of China, China
(3) Petra, Jordan
(4) Roman Colosseum, Rome, Italy
(5) Pyramid at Chichen Itza, Yucatan, Mexico
(6) Machu Picchu, Cuzco Region, Peru
(7) Christ the Redeemer, Rio de Janerio, Brazil

(b) & (c) Out of seven wonders the one located in India is Taj Mahal. The conservation work at Taj Mahal is attended regularly as per the conservation policy of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and International Charters recognized by the UNESCO.

(d) The total expenditure for conservation works of Taj Mahal for last financial year 2015-16 is Rs.3,20,29,355.00.

(e) & (f) Yes Madam. The conservation work at the Taj Mahal is attended regularly and the monument is kept in a presentable condition. Essential public amenities are regularly upgraded to enhance the tourist experience at the site.